



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**ITO**

**Application Number: 10/770,479**

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**For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DESIGN METHOD AND  
HARDWARE DESCRIPTION GENERATION  
METHOD TO GENERATE HARDWARE  
BEHAVIOR DESCRIPTION OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT**

**Attorney Docket No. NITT.0189**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**Art Unit 2825**

**Examiner  
Thompson, Annette M.**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

This is a Preliminary Amendment accompanying a Request for Continuing Examination and is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 18, 2005 in the above identified application, the period for response to which is set to expire on October 18, 2005, with a two-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: